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THREE PULITZER HISTORIANS COME TO ATLANTA

A first for Atlanta - a series of public appearances by three of America's most distinguished historians, all winners of the Pulitzer Prize - begins later this month at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum.

The series, "A Trio of Pulitzers," is sponsored by the Georgia Center for the Book at the DeKalb County Public Library with the Carter Library. The three programs offer metro Atlantans the opportunity to hear free lectures and meet prize-winning historians.

Dr. Gordon S. Wood, the Alva O. Way University Professor at Brown University, leads off the series Friday August 27 at 8 p.m. Brown received the 1993 Pulitzer Prize in History for his book, "The Radicalism of the American Revolution". His new book, The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin, is acclaimed as a perceptive, revealing portrait of one of America's Founding Fathers.

The second author in the series, Richard Rhodes, appears Sunday October 24 at 2 p.m. His 1988 book "The Making of the Atomic Bomb", won the Pulitzer Prize in History and the National Book Award. His new book, John James Audubon: "The Making of an American", will be published in the fall. It is the first major biography of Audubon in nearly half a century and offers a comprehensive account of a true American icon.

Dr. David Herbert Donald, twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize and Distinguished Professor Emeritus in History at Harvard University, ends the series with a lecture Thursday November 11 at 8 p.m. He received the Pulitzer for his 1960 biography, "Charles Sumner and the Coming of the Civil War", and the 1988 Pulitzer for his biography of the late writer Thomas Wolfe, "Looking Homeward". Donald's just-published book is an examination of the world of Abraham Lincoln, We Are Lincoln Men: Abraham Lincoln and His Friends.

The free programs will be held at the Carter library, 441 Freedom Parkway. No advance reservations are required. For information on "A Trio of Pulitzers, call 404-370-8450, ext. 2225, or go to www.dekalblibrary.org or www.georgiacenterforthebook.org.